

19 World Language Teachers Receive STAR Awards

Nineteen Nebraska world language teachers received the state's eleventh annual STAR Awards for demonstrating superior qualities in their dedication to students, outreach to the community, and continual efforts for improvement. The awards were presented at the Nebraska International Languages Association Fall Conference Awards Luncheon held at the University of Nebraska-Kearney on October 10.

The Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska International Languages Association recognized teachers who exceeded professional expectations above and beyond the classroom.

The four **STAR** areas—**S**tudy, **T**ravel, **A**chievement, and **R**ecognition—represent continued professional development, efforts to learn outside the classroom, striving to excel, and showing leadership in organizations.

To apply for the award, teachers must be a current world language educator in a Nebraska K-12 school or postsecondary institution, be a member of the Nebraska International Languages Association, compile at least 125 points on their application form, and write a brief essay describing how they have distinguished themselves as a language professional during the past year.

The following world language teachers received 2009 STAR Awards. Recipients with an asterisk by their name also received a five-year pin representing five consecutive years of receiving a STAR Award.

* Cyndi Berve Papillion LaVista High School Papillion	Nila Jacobson Southwest High School Lincoln	Linda Mieras Orchard High School Orchard
Rita Blanco Southern High School Wymore	Marlene Knobbe Guardian Angels Elementary West Point	Carolina Molina Martin Blair High School Blair
Wendy Brennan Millard North Middle School Omaha	Candida Kraska Millard West High School Omaha	Rochelle de Rodriguez Harvard Public School Harvard
Mitzi Delman Westside High School Omaha	Volker Langeheine Millard North High School Omaha	Jeffrey Sill Central High School Omaha
Pam Hoover Millard South High School Omaha	Barbara Lund Irvin Westside Middle School Omaha	Tricia Suchsland Hastings Senior High School Hastings
Stephanie Iwan Flamme Logan View High School Hooper	* Patricia McGill Waverly High School Waverly	Patricia Sulu Scottsbluff High School Scottsbluff
	Barbara Menning Hastings Senior High School Hastings	